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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 4390

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TAGS: PFOR PN VE

SUBJ: AMPHICTYONIC CONGRESS

REF: A CARACAS 3663, B PANAMA 2349

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM TOLD ME APR 13 THAT, CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, NO PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A LIMITED CHIEFS-OF-STATE MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE AMPHICTYONIC CONGRESS. ESCOVAR SAID THAT THE GOV AND OTHER GOVTS WOULD SEND SPECIAL DELEGATIONS, BUT THAT THESE WOULD NOT BE HEADED BY EITHER CHIEFS OF STATE OR FOREIGN MINISTERS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE ABORTIVE SUMMIT MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, THE MINISTER NOTED THAT IT HAD FOUNDERED ON "LATIN AMERICAN REALITY." HE SAID HE HAD TOLD PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT SUCH AN EVENT WOULD REQUIRE "FIVE YEARS" OF CAREFUL PREPARATION. ONE OF THE REALITIES ESCOVAR MENTIONED WAS PINOCHET'S REFUSAL TO SIT DOWN AT THE SAME TABLE WITH CASTRO. I ASKED IF CASTRO HAD BEEN PREPARED TO SIT DOWN WITH PINOCHE. ESCOVAR SAID PERHAPS NOT, BUT THAT FIDEL HAD BEEN QUITE FLEXIBLE, EVEN TO THE POINT OF CONSIDERING SENDING DORTICOS IN HIS STEAD IF THAT WOULD HAVE HELPED.

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3. COMMENT: IT IS ENTIRELY CONCEIVABLE THAT PEREZ HAS TALKED

WITH SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRUNCATED  
PRESIDENTS' MEETING AND SIMPLY NOT TOLD ESCOVAR. IN  
ANY CASE, THE FAILURE TO HOLD THE LARGER AFFAIR IS A SETBACK  
TO GOV FOREIGN POLICY. THE ENERGETIC EFFORTS OF PEREZ OVER  
THESE LAST TWO YEARS TO PROMOTE A NEW ERA OF LATIN AMERICAN  
SOLIDARITY SEEM INCREASINGLY TO BE RUNNING INTO THAT REALITY  
ESCOVAR HAS IDENTIFIED.  
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